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TAGS: ASEC, SNAR, VE, NA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT

REF: CURACAO 0171

1. IN FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH ERIC ZIELINSKI, ATTORNEY FOR ALFREDO FLORES, CONGEN OFFICER WAS TOLD THAT FLORES BROTHER CARLOS WAS APPROACHED IN EARLY FEBRUARY BY A VENEZUELAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS CARLOS VARGAS AND CLAIMED TO BE EMPLOYED BY VENEZUELAN NEWSPAPER 2001. VARGAS CLAIMED TO REPRESENT GROUP WHICH WAS ANGERED BY ALLEGED MULTIPLE KIDNAPPINGS EXECUTED BY US AGENCIES AND INTERESTED IN REPRISALS. HE SUGGESTED THAT HIS GROUP COULD KIDNAP US OFFICIAL TO EXCHANGE FOR FLORES. FLORES RELATIVES WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAKE QTE CONTRIBUTION UNQTE OF DOLS. 5000. CARLOS FLORES, ON ADVICE OF ZIELINSKI DID NOT KEEP SCHEDULED SECOND MEETING WITH VARGAS AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL WHERE VARGAS WAS LODGED.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY ZIELINSKI STATES HE HAD HEARD SUBJECT OF KIDNAPPING US OFFICIAL TO EXCHANGE FOR FLORES RAISED BY A VENEZUELAN NAMED MACHADO WHO HE SAYS IS EMPLOYED BY A QTE LEFTIST NEWSPAPER UNQTE AND BY A CUBAN NAMED MARTINEZ WHO LIVES IN MIAMI. ZIELINSKI ASSERTS THAT HE WILL NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY ILLEGAL SCHEME AND THAT HE

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WILL WITHDRAW FROM FLORES CASE IF ANY SUCH ACTION

TAKES PLACE. HE SAYS HE HAS DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FLORES' ATTORNEY IN MIAMI WHO TAKES SIMILAR STAND AND WHO HAS REFERRED MATTER TO OFFICE OF US ATTORNEY IN MIAMI.

3. WITHIN PAST WEEK ZIELINSKI SLAITS THAT SIMILAR STORY PASSED TO HIM BY UNNAMED CURACAO FRIEND AND HE BELIEVES US GOVERNMENT ATTENTION IS WARRANTED.

4. COMMENT: CETALES OF KIDNAPPING ARE VERY VAGUE WITH PROSPECTIVE VICTIM VARYING FROM AMBASSADOR TO CONSUL TO UNSPECIFIED OFFICIAL AND LOCATION QTE IN LATIN AMERICA UNQTE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SCHEME IS MERELY A HOAX IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MONEY FROM FLORES FAMILY. NA SECURITY SERVICE HAS BEEN INFORMED BUT CAN PROVIDE NO INFORMATION AT PRESENT TIME.  
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